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For: **CLAMPING APPARATUS AND CLAMPING SYSTEM USING THE
SAME**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §1.51(b), §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified is submitted herewith.

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International Search Report dated May 24, 2004 established in international patent application PCT/JP2004/000365, of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
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With the exception of U.S. 6,527,266 and U.S. 5,820,118, all of the documents identified on the appended PTO-1449 form are listed in the appended International Search Report established in international patent application PCT/JP2004/000365, of which this application is the U.S. national stage. The relevancy of each of the documents listed in the International Search Report is evident from the Search Report.

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U.S. 6,527,266 corresponds to EP 1078713 and U.S. 5,820,118 is mentioned in the first page of the specification of this application, where the relevancy of this document is discussed.

STATEMENT OF CUMULATIVE INFORMATION

U.S. 6,527,266 corresponds to EP 1078713.

STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS

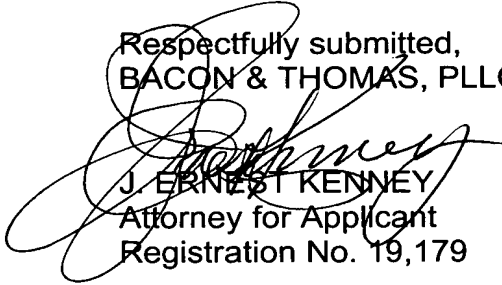
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U.S. Patent Documents

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	5,820,118	Oct. 1998	Craft			
	6,105,951	Aug. 2000	Shibata			
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Foreign Patent Documents

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